

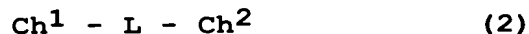
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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) An oligoarylene derivative represented by the following general formula (1) or (2):

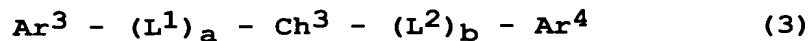


wherein Ch is a group containing at least one substituted or unsubstituted condensed aromatic ring having 14 to 20 nuclear carbon atoms; and Ar¹ and Ar² are respectively a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 30 nuclear atoms and may be the same or different from each other, and



wherein L is a connecting group; and Ch¹ and Ch² are respectively a group containing at least one substituted or unsubstituted condensed aromatic ring having 14 to 20 nuclear carbon atoms and may be the same or different from each other.

2. (Original) An oligoarylene derivative represented by the following general formula (3) or (4):

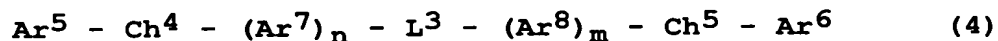


wherein Ch³ is a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group having 14 to 20 nuclear carbon atoms;

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L^1 and L^2 are respectively a connecting group and may be the same or different from each other; a and b are respectively an integer of 0 to 1; and

Ar^3 and Ar^4 are respectively a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 30 nuclear atoms and may be the same or different from each other with the proviso that when Ch^3 is a substituted or unsubstituted pyrene residue, Ar^3 and/or Ar^4 are respectively a substituted or unsubstituted \square -naphthyl derivative, and



wherein L^3 is a connecting group; Ch^4 and Ch^5 are respectively a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group having 14 to 20 nuclear atoms and may be the same or different from each other;

Ar^5 and Ar^6 are respectively a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 30 nuclear atoms and may be the same or different from each other;

Ar^7 and Ar^8 are respectively a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group having 5 to 30 nuclear atoms and may be the same or different from each other; and n and m are respectively an integer of 0 to 1.

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3. (Original) The oligoarylene derivative according to claim 1, wherein the condensed aromatic ring in each of the general formulae (1) and (2) is selected from the group consisting of phenanthrene, pyrene, chrysene, triphenylene and perylene.

4. (Original) The oligoarylene derivative according to claim 2, wherein the arylene group in Ch³ of the general formula (3) is a divalent residue selected from the group consisting of phenanthrene, pyrene, chrysene, triphenylene and perylene, and the arylene group in Ch⁴ and Ch⁵ of the general formula (4) is a group selected from the group consisting of phenanthrylene, pyrenylene, chrysenylene, triphenylenylene and perylenylene.

5. (Currently Amended) The oligoarylene derivative according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the oligoarylene derivative is used as a luminescent material for organic electroluminescent devices.

6. (Currently Amended) The oligoarylene derivative according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the

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oligoarylene derivative is used as a hole transport material for organic electroluminescent devices.

7. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode and an organic thin film layer sandwiched between the cathode and the anode which is constituted of a single layer or a plurality of layers including at least one luminescent layer, wherein at least one layer of the organic thin film layer contains the oligoarylene derivative as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 as a single component or a component of a mixture.

8. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the luminescent layer contains the oligoarylene derivative ~~as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the luminescent layer contains the oligoarylene derivative ~~as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4~~ as a main component.

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10. (Original) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the luminescent layer further contains an arylamine compound.

11. (Original) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the luminescent layer further contains an styrylamine compound.

12. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the organic thin film layer has a hole transport layer containing the oligoarylene derivative ~~as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4~~ as a single component or a component of a mixture.

13. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 12, wherein the hole transport layer contains the oligoarylene derivative ~~as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4~~ as a main component.

14. (Original) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the organic electroluminescent device emits a blue light.